(c) New Railway Division at Rangiya on Northeast Frontier Railway has already been operationalised w.e.f. 01.4.2003.

Additional bogies for Godavari "Pushkarmas"

670. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South Central Railway propose to run 25 special trains and attach additional bogies in trains through Rajahmundri for forthcoming Godavari "Pushkarmas';

(b) what other facilities Government are going to provide to pilgrims attending 'Pushkarmas'; and

(c) the number of days these trains will run?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Additional booking counters with Self Printing Ticket Machines, waiting sheds, drinking water raps, toilets, enquiry counters with BSNL telephone facility, public address system, catering stalls, first aid centres, ambulance, I.E.D. display boards are being provided. Besides, augmentation of the existing services have been planned depending upon the waitlist position on day-to-day basis subject to load factor.

(c) 12 days i.e. from 30.7.2003.to 10.8.2003.

Agartala-Sabroon Rail Line

671. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether railways are going to take up any plan to connect the capital cities of the North-Eastern States by railway lines;

(b) progress made towards laying of railway lines from Agartala to Sabroon in Tripura; and

(c) whether the provision of fund will be made to start the preliminary work of railways from Agartala to Sabroon during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The following three new line